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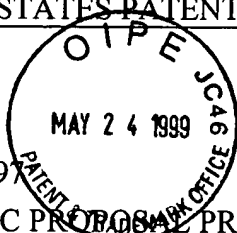
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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Examiner's official paper mailed November 20, 1998 and is being filed within the three-month extension period for responding pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a). A petition to extend the period for responding to the Office Action by three months, from March 20, 1997 to May 20, 1999, together with a required fee is submitted herewith. Re-examination and reconsideration of the application as amended are respectfully requested.

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the following remarks. Claims 30-55 are pending in the present application. For the reasons stated below Applicant respectfully maintains that the claims are allowable over the cited references.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 USC 103

In paragraph 2 of the Office Action, Claim 1 was rejected under 35 USC § 103 as being unpatentable over Girouard et al. (4,982,346) in view of Lockwood et al. (4,359,631). Applicant